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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document which is written in international search report.

D1 : JP 5-84279 A(6 APR. 1993)

1. Novelty

Claim 1 of the present invention concerns a nursing bottle artificial nipple having a root portion, teat portion with a feeding hole, neck portion comprising : fiber nets(20) embedded within the thickness of the nipple body, and an air flow groove(15) formed in a portion of a surface of the nipple body.

The closest prior art is given by the document D1. This document discloses(cf. Fig. 1) a nursing bottle nipple comprising a teat part, bowl-like drum part and a connecting part.

While claim 1 of the present invention discloses fiber nets and an air flow groove, the most closest prior art D1 does not disclose said component of the present invention.

Thus, claim 1 is novel under Article 33(2).

As a consequence, dependent claims 2-4 are also novel.

(See the supplemental Box.)

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of:

Box No.V

2. Inventive Step

Claim 1 of the present invention is intended to present a nursing nipple which has the durability not to be torn with a fatigue load and eliminates difficulty in breathing by facilitating the flow of air. The solution according to claim 1 is from fiber nets and an air flow groove which are equipped in the nipple.

D1 discloses a nursing bottle nipple comprising a teat part, a bowl-like drum part and a connecting part. D1 does not give any inference for the fiber nets and the air flow groove, and the solution in D1 is not obvious for a skilled person in the art.

Thus, the invention in claim 1 is inventive under 33(3) PCT.
As a consequence, dependent claims 2-4 are also inventive.

3. Industrial applicability

Claims 1-4 fulfil the requirement of Article 33(4) PCT.

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